

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1                    Claim 1 (currently amended): An improved tap handle for use with a  
2 beverage dispensing apparatus comprising:  
3                    (a)    a hollow elongated shell having an open end; [[and]]  
4                    (b)    a hardened foam disposed within said shell;  
5                    (c)    a layer of glue disposed inside said shell proximate to said open  
6                                end between said foam and said open end;  
7                    (d)    an annular, metal ferrule having internal threads and a top and  
8                                bottom and being disposed in said interior of said shell, said bottom  
9                                abutting said glue; and  
10                    (e)    an annular plastic cap attached to said top of said ferrule.

1                    Claim 2 (original): A tap handle according to claim 1, wherein said shell is  
2 comprised, at least in part, of ceramic material.

1                    Claim 3 (original): A tap handle according to claim 2, wherein said  
2 ceramic material is stoneware.

1                    Claim 4 (original): A tap handle according to claim 2, wherein said  
2 ceramic material is porcelain.

1                   Claim 5 (original): A tap handle according to claim 1, wherein said shell is  
2 comprised, at least in part, of plastic.  
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1                   Claim 6 (original): A tap handle according to claim 1, wherein said shell is  
2 comprised, at least in part, of resin.  
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1                   Claim 7 (original): A tap handle according to claim 1, wherein said shell is  
2 comprised, at least in part, of wood.  
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1                   Claim 8 (cancelled):  
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1                   Claim 9 (cancelled):  
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1                   Claim 10 (cancelled):  
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1                   Claim 11 (original): A tap handle according to claim 1 wherein said foam  
2 is polyurethane foam.  
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1                   Claim 12 (original): A tap handle according to claim 11 wherein said foam  
2 is polymeric diphenylmethane diisocyanate foam.  
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1                   Claim 13 (cancelled):  
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1                   Claim 14 (cancelled):  
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1                   Claim 15 (cancelled):  
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1                   Claim 16 (cancelled):  
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1                    Claim 17 (cancelled):

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1                    Claim 18 (cancelled):

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1                    Claim 19 (cancelled):

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1                    Claim 20 (cancelled):

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